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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: IMMEDIATE NEEDS (ITEM 19)

REF: STATE 175165

1. THERE WAS NO DEBATE OR ACTION TAKEN ON RESOLUTION E/AC.24/L.550 THURSDAY JULY 27. CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM WAS DEFERRED UNTIL FRIDAY, JULY 28, TO PERMIT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THE RESOLUTION. BOTH THE NETHERLANDS AND NEW ZEALAND WERE MOST UNHAPPY WITH THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (E/AC.24/L.561) ON JULY 26, AND WILL BE REQUESTING A SUBSTANTIAL REVISION FROM THE SYG'S OFFICE.

2. IT IS UNCLEAR WHAT WILL EMERGE: ON THE ONE HAND THE SYG MAY PROPOSE ONLY MODEST REDUCTIONS, IN WHICH CASE THE DUTCH HAVE INTIMATED THAT THEY MIGHT BE PREPARED TO PROPOSE AMENDING PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE RESOLUTION SO AS TO LIMIT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS TO "WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES." (FYI: THE DUTCH WERE ADVISED OF THE USG POSITION THURSDAY MORNING. END FYI) WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER THE US SHOULD ALLOW CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION WITH THE AFORESAID CHANGES
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COUPLED WITH A STRONG EXPLANATION OF OUR POSITION, OR WOULD WE STILL BE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO CALL FOR A VOTE SHOULD NO ONE ELSE DO SO? WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO CALL FOR A VOTE, POSSIBLY ON A PARAGRAPH-BY-PARAGRAPH BASIS. WE WILL SEEK TO ASCERTAIN IF THE CURRENT SOVIET POSITION IS AS FIRM AS DESCRIBED.

3. A SECOND POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE SYG MIGHT PROPOSE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN THE COST AND MANPOWER OF THE NEW UNIT, IN WHICH CASE THERE IS REASONABLE PROBABILITY THE CO-SPONSORS WOULD PROCEED WITH THE RESOLUTION MORE OR LESS, AS IS. WE WOULD ASSUME UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES OUR PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

4. USDEL HAS ALSO BEGUN TO CAUTIOUSLY EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY WITH ARGENTINA AND NIGERIA OF HAVING A MEMBER OF THE G-77 PROPOSE DEFERRAL OF THE ENTIRE MATTER UNTIL ECOSOC HAS REVIEWED THE OUTCOME OF RESTRUCTURING. NOTING THAT THE RESOLUTION DEALS PRIMARILY WITH ECONOMIC EMERGENCIES (WHATEVER BE THE OTHER OBJECTIVES), MACHINERY RESPONDING TO SUCH NEEDS SHOULD CONCEIVABLY BE RATIONALIZED WITH ANY NEW UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STRUCTURE. THUS, THE FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED IN THE RESOLUTION MIGHT WELL FIT BETTER UNDER SOME APPROPRIATE SEGMENT OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION, RATHER THAN THE SYG'S OFFICE. AT THE MOMENT THIS APPROACH HAS MODEST CHANCE FOR SUCCESS.

5. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED OR CIRCUMSTANCES RADICALLY CHANGE, USDEL WILL PROCEED FRIDAY TO MAKE STRONG STATEMENTS, FIRST ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS DOCUMENT, AND THEN, IF ACTION IS CALLED FOR ON THE RESOLUTION, REQUEST A VOTE, MAKE A STATEMENT PER REFTEL, AND PROBABLY ABSTAIN. (WE WOULD GATHER FROM DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THE GENERAL CONCEPT THAT USDEL, IF THE SITUATION WARRANTED, COULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO VOTE AGAINST

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